



Newsbriefs

Brown resigns from city post

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — City Administrator Stuart Brown announced his resignation, effective Jan. 7, 2005, at the Tuesday, Oct. 5, Common Council meeting.

Council President Henry Ogden described the announcement as good news and bad news. He added, "We're very excited for you," referring to an unspecified professional opportunity for the city administrator.

Mr. Brown said, "It's been an amazing experience working with a great staff. It's tremendous to have a mayor and council who volunteer endless hours to the city. Not every community has that." Mr. Brown said that in many locations council members are paid.

Mr. Brown has spent nearly five years in Summit, first as assistant city administrator and then, after a nation-wide search, as city administrator, replacing Reagan Burkholder, who retired.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Brown listed six of his accomplishments in Summit:

- A renewed commitment by staff to superior customer service.
- Improved employee morale, including partnerships with the Police Benevolent Association and the Firemen's Benevolent Association, and a continuing employee recognition program.
- Creation of free parking for customers.
- Management of personnel transitions to provide high quality service.
- Sound fiscal management, including budgets that will result in long-term savings and/or service improvements.

Mr. Ogden said a transition committee had been appointed, which includes Councilwoman Cindy Martin as chairwoman, Mayor Jordan Glatt, Councilwoman Diane Klaf, and Councilman Frank Macioce.

Wilson School future discussed

SUMMIT — The Board of Education will hold a series of discussions, beginning Thursday, Oct. 14, to discuss the possible future use of the former Wilson School in relation to space needs and enrollment assessments.

The board's workshop meeting begins at 8 p.m. at Summit High School. Additional meetings on expansion projects are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 28, at Brayton School; Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Layton C. Johnson Summit Middle School library; Thursday, Nov. 18, at Jefferson School; Thursday, Dec. 9, again at the middle school and Thursday, Dec. 16, at the high school.

According to Superintendent of Schools Carolyn Deacon, a needs assessment was conducted during the summer to identify various solutions.

First Aid Squad car wash today

SUMMIT — The junior members of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad are holding a car wash to raise funds for the squad's junior scholarship program. The event is today at the squad building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and also Sunday, Oct. 10. The cost is \$8 for cars, \$10 for SUVs and minivans.

The squad building is on the Summit Avenue extension, across from the Summit Middle School. Refreshments will also be available. Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships awarded to several junior members who will graduate in the Class of 2005. The scholarship was created in memory of Alice Nichols, a squad volunteer.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Police Logs.....	2
Obituaries	6
Commentary	5
Calvary's 150th	4
Students on Sports.....	14
Classified.....	10
Legals	14



Calvary Church marks milestone

ANNIVERSARY FUN — From last October to this has been both an ordinary year and an extraordinary one at Calvary Episcopal Church, and Oct. 17 marks its 150th anniversary, which is featured in a full page of Eye on You photos in today's edition of the Independent Press. Marta Castro of Summit, at right, was among the guests who enjoyed a hayride during a visit to the assistant rector's farm, while Susan Phelan, at left, stayed cool under a tent. (Photos by Katharine Hadow)



Plymouth Road residents urge city council to take action on neighborhood intersection

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — Veronica Bonnet of Plymouth Road came before Common Council at the Tuesday, Oct. 5, meeting to express her concerns about what she described as dangerous traffic and pedestrian issues at the juncture of Plymouth Road, Ashland Road and Mountain Avenue.

Ms. Bonnet said, "The county was on top of the situation, but the city rejected its plan. Now school has started and safety issues are highlighted. I've had close calls with my own children. The city has done nothing. We're told it's not a big enough priority." She said she had a petition circulated to 27 homes and neighbors agreed that the intersection was unsafe "and something

should be done."

Councilwoman Cindy Martin, who noted she has met with the neighbors, said new signs would be put up, which would be clearer than what had been there before.

"That's pretty close to doing nothing," Ms. Bonnet said. "This will take years for the city and county to come to an agreement." Ashland Road, city authorities have said, is a Union County road, so the city needs permission to make changes other than signage.

Ms. Bonnet urged, "Please stop being complacent." She suggested a crossing guard or police officer be at the intersection when children go to and from school.

David Becker, also of Plymouth Road, said he moved to Summit

from New York City. "My kids would be safer on Sixth Avenue in New York than this road," he said. "This is an accident waiting to happen."

Frank Peder of Plymouth Road said he is a lifelong resident of Summit.

"The condition is an embarrassment to the city," he said. "People disregard speeds and fly around the intersection." He said Ms. Bonnet received a 93 percent response to her survey, which, he said, "is pretty good polling." Mr. Perier added that he lives on the corner. "I've seen plenty of car accidents. I urge the council to respond."

He also quoted a letter from a nearby physician, who wrote, "I cringe as I watch children and their

parents nervously crossing Ashland Road with the volume of traffic and speed."

Ms. Martin said, "Pedestrian safety is an absolutely top priority. Attitudes and behavior in this town have to change." She said the safety committee is proposing short-term, medium-term and long-term solutions. Clean, bright signs will improve driver awareness, she said. Summit police will talk to the county, but need approval to take additional steps. Line of sight issues are also being addressed. A traffic monitor will be installed on Plymouth Road, which is often used as a cut-through, she said.

"There is no perfect re-design of the intersection," she added.

Police Chief Robert Lucid said

the county's proposal, which would change the configuration, was rejected by the city because it would result in more traffic accidents. "We will reinvigorate our conversations with the county," he said. Mayor Jordan Glatt asked if Plymouth Road could be made a dead end, but Chief Lucid said it connects with a county road and therefore needs county approval.

Councilman Andy Lark said there have been proposals to square off the entrance to Mountain Avenue and narrow the driving lane, which would have a traffic calming effect. Community Services Director Christopher Cotter said, "The city engineer and staff will be happy to work through this issue. We can make that happen."



GOP OPENS HQ - Republican City Committee chair Mary Ogden, assisted by Kate Tully, cut the ribbon officially opening local GOP campaign headquarters at 380 Springfield Ave. in downtown Summit. Looking on were, from left, Patrick Tully, Common Council candidate in Ward II Mike Helmer, Dorothy Burger, Councilman Andy Lark, Councilwoman Cindy Martin, James Tully, former Councilman Al Dill, Will Shamim, Eileen Helmer, Councilman Frank Macioce, Councilwoman Diane Klaf, Chris Bennett, Ellen Dickson and city committee vice chair Dave Bomgaars. The headquarters has a variety of campaign items available and is open Monday through Friday during regular business hours, Thursday evenings until 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoons through Election Day. For information, call 908-918-1004.

Candidates' events air on TV-36, including debate, 'conversation'

SUMMIT — Local Channel TV-36 is running various television shows that highlight the upcoming contested election for Common Council.

"A Conversation With the Candidates," which was filmed on Friday, Oct. 8, includes individual interviews with each of the four candidates: Democrats Michel Bitritto, an incumbent, and Steve Coffin, and Republicans Mike Helmer and Tom Getzendanner.

Interviews of the two candidates

for each of the two wards will be shown back-to-back during the course of one hour.

The times for airing will be Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 2 p.m.

On Saturdays, the TV-36 show will feature all four candidates. The order of airing is yet to be determined.

Volunteers at TV-36 have said their plan is to do another 30-minute

interview with each of the candidates in the last 10 days prior to election, and the airing times for that are also yet to be determined.

A debate featuring all four candidates was taped at City Hall on Thursday night, Oct. 7. It will air on Sundays from 2 to 3 p.m., Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Fred Honold is the producer and host of "A Conversation With The Candidates" for TV-36.

An amended plan for Park Avenue okayed by council

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — An ordinance to limit standing or stopping of commercial vehicles on Park Avenue between 6 and 9 a.m. came up for its fourth hearing at the Tuesday, Oct. 5, Common Council meeting.

The council voted to pass the ordinance with an amendment to designate a loading zone and allow parking behind commercial buildings for customers. The amendment specifies the loading zone as 320 feet west of Roosevelt Way to Broad Street.

Councilwomen Michel Bitritto and Cindy Martin voted against the ordinance. Dr. Bitritto said, "I think the team has done a great job with a difficult issue. I know this is a traffic issue, but the impact is far-reaching. We should not be pushing for a decision tonight. We don't have all the pieces together." She encouraged reaching out to the involved parties and suggested the Diversity Committee, headed by Mayor Jordan Glatt, could bring a different perspective to the situation. "We keep talking to ourselves," she said.

Ms. Martin said the ordinance does not address her concerns, "but I'm incredibly encouraged by the good discussions," she said of meetings Councilwoman P. Kelly Hatfield and Mayor Glatt have had with business owners, residents and day laborers.

"This is part of an ongoing dialogue on issues on Park Avenue," Dr. Hatfield said. "We're trying to relieve the effect of idling trucks for pollution, noise and quality of life." The restricted weight, she said, would be in effect in the residential portion of Park Avenue. Of the customer parking behind businesses, she said, "It's an experiment." The ordinance will have a sunset provision, which means it will be revisited in a year.

The council also passed an ordinance to limit truck traffic and impose weight limitations on John Street, North Street, Orchard Street, South Street and Park Avenue between Broad Street and Park Place. Ms. Martin said the city needed permission from the state Department of Transportation to limit weights.

Hospital presents annual 'Think Pink' on Oct. 23

SUMMIT — From 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, Atlantic Health System's Overlook Hospital will present the fifth annual "Think Pink" for breast health at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St.

Get the latest information and advice on breast health from a panel of experts. The program covers cancer epidemiology, the environment and cancer, and the influence of mind/body therapy. Keynote speaker Lois Cappetta Bhatt, author of "I'm Sorry You Have to Be Here," will talk about her story of cancer, family, and survival.

Betsy Kohler, MPH, CTR, director of Cancer Epidemiology Services, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, will discuss "Cancer in New Jersey: Current Trends."

Daniel Wartenberg, M.D., professor of environmental epidemiology,

UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and director of population sciences, Cancer Institute of New Jersey, will present, "Does the Environment Cause Cancer?"

Tatyana Sierant, yoga instructor, The Connection for Women and Families, will lead "The Mind-Body Connection: Exercising Control" and address the powers of the spirit, mind and body.

A certified genetic counselor, Janice Berliner, MS, Atlantic Health System and The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and Overlook's oncology dietitian, Jacqueline Gomes, RN, will be available for questions and information. Literature on breast self-exam, clinical trials, support groups and other community resources will be available.

A continental breakfast will be served. Admission and parking are free, but registration is required. Call 273-4242 or 1-800-247-9580.

Police News

Summit

Phones stolen from purses at Kent Place field house

Thirteen cell phones, cash and a laptop computer decorated the week's police report.

Five of the thefts occurred on the same night at Kent Place School.

On Friday, Oct. 1, the theft of a Nokia cell phone and \$5 in cash from a purse in the field house of Kent Place School on Norwood Avenue was reported. The incident occurred between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 1, a Verizon cell phone and \$16 in cash from a purse occurred at the same location during the same time period.

On Friday, Oct. 1, a third Verizon cell phone, theft between 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. was reported.

On Friday, Oct. 1, a fourth Verizon cell phone was reported stolen at the same location in the same time period.

On Friday, Oct. 1, a fifth Verizon

cell phone was reported at the same location during the same period of time.

In other thefts:

On Friday, Oct. 1, a wallet was reported stolen from a desk located in a DeForest Avenue professional building between 1:30 p.m. and 2:25 p.m. Contents included \$60 in cash, bank cards and identification.

On Friday, Oct. 1, the theft of mail from a Summit Avenue apartment complex lobby was reported during the day of Sept. 30.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the theft of headlights was reported and a front door window was smashed on a vehicle parked in a Broad Street parking lot between 6:30 a.m. and 10:53 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, the theft of a Dell notebook computer from a vehicle parked in a Springfield Avenue lot was reported. The incident occurred between 5:30 and 7:40 p.m.

In arrests:

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, Michael Thomas Boyce, 20, of Mountainside was arrested and charged at Summit and Railroad avenues for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana under 50 grams), possession of CDS in a motor vehicle and failure to stop at a red flashing light.

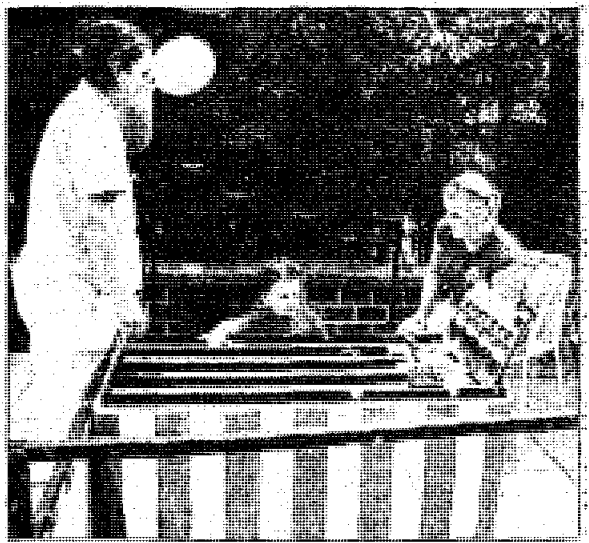
On Wednesday, Oct. 6, James Charles Pappas, 20, of Ossining, N.Y., was arrested and charged at the Summit Train Station for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Dates have been set by Town Committee

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Members of the Township Committee have set their meeting dates for the coming year. Meetings are held in the public meeting room at Town Hall, 29 Park Ave., at 8 p.m.

Upcoming work meetings include Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 7. Upcoming public meetings are Oct. 26, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

RACE CARS AT RUNNELLS — Michael Malnati of Summit and his mother Karen, left, enjoyed the race car run, supervised by Runnells recreation therapist Kara Schuhmacher in the Courtyard Carnival held at Runnells Specialized Hospital, 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights. The event was organized by the facility's activities therapy department. Activities included the Quiver Farm Petting Zoo; carnival games such as Hi-Striker and Crazy Cans, and a chance to Guess the Watermelon Weight and enjoy Italian ices. To learn more about the programs and facilities at Runnells, call 908-771-5700.



Police cited 97 drivers for failure to buckle up

SUMMIT — From May 24 to June 6, the Summit Police Department was one of 381 law enforcement agencies state-wide to participate in a seat belt program known as "Click It or Ticket."

The final figures are in, and although the Summit police did not receive any grant money towards the effort, it used high-visibility patrols and cited 97 individuals for failing to buckle up. In addition, police said, as a result of these traffic stops, an additional 116 summonses were issued for various other motor vehicle violations.

Noting that using a seat belt is generally considered to be the most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries in traffic

crashes, Lt. Douglas K. Mason, head of the Summit Police Department Traffic Bureau, said, "Enforcement gets people to buckle up. Seat belt usage in states where there is high visibility enforcement is 10 to 15 percent greater than in those states relying solely on public education."

Chief: 'Pleased' with results

Summit Police Chief Robert Lucid said he was pleased with the results obtained during the mobilization week and he applauded the goal of the Click It or Ticket program to raise the level of seat belt compliance nation-wide. He said, "In Summit we are committed to enforcing seat belt usage year-round. This is

not an issue of generating tickets but of promoting public safety. There is absolutely no doubt that seat belts save lives."

The nation-wide seat belt mobilization program was initiated when Congress created the Section 157 Innovative Grant Program in an effort to raise seat belt usage rates throughout the country. For fiscal 2004, the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety used a large portion of its funding for the Click It or Ticket program, funneling grants to some 222 of the participating agencies. New Jersey also received an additional \$500,000, which it used to produce radio spots airing in New Jersey, New York City and Philadelphia publicizing the mobilization.

District observes Red Ribbon Week

SUMMIT — The Summit Public Schools, in cooperation with the City of Summit, the Summit Municipal Alliance and the Summit Police Department, will conduct its 11th annual Red Ribbon observance from Oct. 15 through Nov. 1. Communities and schools nation-wide observe the celebration to promote safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyles.

Preschoolers will color place-mats with pictures that depict healthy lifestyles. This activity is sponsored by the Connection for Women and Families.

Kindergartners and first graders will receive Trick or Treat bags printed with the message "Say Boo to Drugs."

Second graders will welcome guest readers to their classes, who will read the week's theme book, "The Red Ribbon - A Story of Hope."

Elementary school counselors Jeff Lambert and Tom DeMuro will make special classroom presentations for third graders and present them with activity books.

Fourth graders will participate in

a poster contest to illustrate "Safe, Healthy Alternatives to Drugs and Alcohol." Winners of the poster contest will be honored by the Rotary Club at a luncheon at the Grand Summit Hotel on Nov. 1.

Fifth graders will hang red ribbons throughout the elementary schools. Fifth graders also participate in the district's D.A.R.E. program, taught by officers of the Summit Police Department.

Seventh graders at the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School are invited to participate in an essay contest, the theme of which is "The Importance of Having a Drug-Free Life." Seventh graders are also D.A.R.E. students.

All middle school students will attend an October 19 presentation on the prevention of substance abuse and anti-violence behaviors. The presenter, William Fern, has conducted this team-building presentation throughout the country and incorporates fun into a learning experience. The program will help students understand cooperation, resilience, peer pressure and self-esteem building through magic and group work.

Among other Red Ribbon activities, Summit High School students will have an opportunity for a hands-on prevention experience. A stationary drunk driving simulator car will be available for selected students to experience the feeling of being intoxicated behind the wheel and how it affects their driving. Other students will be able to watch this driving experience, which will be projected onto a screen near the car.

SAVINGS

With the Pumpkins in our Garden

Specialty carving pumpkins, orange and white varieties include:

Jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkins, gourds, and other seasonal items.

Indoor/Outdoor Market

October 10, 11, 12 & 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artisanal food and drink, seasonal gifts, and more.

Backyard Gardening Seminar

October 10, 11, 12 & 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn how to grow your own food and save money.

PARKER GARDENS



Everyday people use
food stamps
every day.

And now they are applying online!

It's easier than ever to apply for Food Stamps in New Jersey. The online application is fast and completely private. Simply log onto <https://foodstamps.dhs.state.nj.us> from any computer with internet access. Enter your name, birth date, address, social security number, monthly rent and expenses. In as little as five minutes, your application is complete.

In a few days, you will receive a letter with an appointment time for a face-to-face interview. You will need to bring identification, proof of monthly income, resources and expenses.

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

<https://foodstamps.dhs.state.nj.us>

FOOD STAMPS MAKE NEW JERSEY STRONGER.

For more information:

Call 1-800-687-9512

New Jersey Department of Human Services

James M. Davy, Commissioner

Host an Exchange Student Today!

Make a new lifelong friend from abroad.

Enrich your family with another culture. Now you can host a high school exchange student (girl or boy) from France, Germany, Scandinavia, Spain, England, Japan, Brazil, Italy or other countries. Becoming a host to a young international visitor is an experience of a lifetime!

MONIQUE (France) 16 years old, enjoys playing the piano, Monique likes to jog, exercise and discuss politics with friends and family.

JOHAN (Sweden) 18 years old, Johan enjoys a school year abroad in North America. He likes dogs and enjoys hiking, camping and swimming.

IPASSE
INTERNATIONAL PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE

Large variety of nationalities, interests, hobbies, etc. now available. For information or to select your own exchange student, visit our website above or call:

Emma at 1-800-677-2773 (Toll Free)

Founded in 1976

IPASSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS A NON-PROFIT, PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANIZATION.

Pet Directory

Big Business SCOOPERS

Professional Pooper Scooper

You have better things to do!

Let us come to your yard and pick up the dog waste.

Average visit \$10

973.379.7995

www.BigBusinessScoopers.com

★ FULLY INSURED ★

Do You Own A Pet Service, Veterinarian or Equestrian Clinic, Kennel, Daycare or Farm?

Do you have an animal for sale or adoption?

Advertise here and Reach Over 135,500 Households.

TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPECIAL SECTION PLEASE CALL 1-800-360-3603

Sports

Kent Place rallies, Mungo rolls to UCT tennis crowns

By ART POLAKOWSKI

PLAINFIELD - The Kent Place School tennis triumphed in five of its six matches last Monday afternoon to win its third straight team championship at the Union County Tournament, contested over a three-day stretch at the Plainfield High School courts.

Trailing Westfield entering Monday's concluding action, the KPS netsters received flight victories from Allie Solomon and Lydia Boll at second and third singles, respectively, along with third-place wins from both doubles units in the consolation round, to vault ahead in the final standings.

Kent Place collected 72 total points, while Westfield finished second with 64. Berkeley Heights (42 points) wound up third in the team standings, while Summit finished fourth, Oak Knoll seventh, and New Providence eleventh among the dozen entered schools.

Summit sophomore Ana Mungo successfully defended her individual UCT title, defeating Plainfield's Monika Young, 7-5, 6-2 in the first singles final.

Solomon, who'd likewise

claimed the second-flight crown a year ago, was perceived to be at a disadvantage Monday, but the top-seeded Kent Place senior demonstrated such wasn't the case. Solomon defeated Summit senior Emily Moore, 6-1, 6-0 to win that bracket once again.

The difficulty facing Allie was that her semifinal bout had been postponed from Friday's schedule, so she needed to play twice on Monday. Still, Solomon had little problem dispatching Clark's Erica Zaleski in the earlier contest.

Bull is now a four-time UCT flight champ, as this KPS 12th-grader won her third singles final against Westfield's Lisa Aiche by a 6-2, 6-1 score. The fact Lydia's victory was a head-to-head encounter with Westfield made it doubly significant for Kent Place's team scoring.

Meanwhile, Kent Place's doubles unit did their part by capturing both consolation-round matches. The first KPS tandem of Tatum Reynolds and Allison Oberlander defeated Roselle Park's combination by a 6-2, 6-1 score, while the second doubles duo, Alex Spichecker and Mia Feitel, outlasted their Scotch Plains counterpart in a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 battle.

Kent Place's first singles player, Amanda Barletta, had to settle for a fourth-place finish after having been the tourney runner-up each of the past two seasons. The junior stand-out saw her UCT bid conclude with a 7-6, 6-1 defeat to Linden's Felicia Trin in the consolation round.

The Berkeley Heights doubles combinations had helped put Kent Place in a precarious position the previous Friday by winning semifinal matches as the lower seeds against the KPS entries. And both Governor Livingston tandems went on to provide their Westfield opponents with very competitive bouts in the finals.

GL's junior first tandem of Jess Baroff and Jen Bernston came extremely close to bringing home the County doubles trophy, winning the opening set, 6-3, against Westfield's Jessica Bender and Lane Maloney. Westfield managed to get even via a second-set tiebreaker and then won the decisive third set, 6-2.

Westfield's Rachel Louie and Kim Morawski were straight-set victors at second doubles, but the 6-3, 7-6 scores indicate GL's number-two twosome was right there as well. Junior Jean Namkung and

sophomore Tina Chou represent the Lady Highlanders at that position.

Summit's Moore reached the finals in her second singles flight via a 6-1, 6-1, semifinal victory over Berkeley Heights' Sabrina Govindarajan.

GL's duo of Baroff and Bernston defeated Kent Place's Tatum Reynolds and Allison Oberlander, 6-3, 6-2 in their first doubles semifinal clash. While the second doubles result between Namkung/Chou and the KPS Spichecker/Feitel combo was considered an even bigger semifinal upset, the GL tandem likewise winning 6-3, 6-2. The only other local player to reach the UCT's semifinal round was Oak Knoll School's Samantha Colgan at third singles. Colgan lost to Westfield's Aiche, but Samantha bounced back for a consolation victory over Clark's Stephanie Amalfie (6-3, 6-4) to finish third in that flight.

Turning back to its dual-meet schedule now, Coach Lou Castelli's Kent Place team is seeded second (behind Pingry) in its Parochial A North Jersey State Section. KPS, sporting an 11-1 record, was due to open the State Tournament against (Bayonne's) Holy Family Academy.

Top harriers get kicks from different sport

SUMMIT - Oak Knoll School's cross-country runners may be a small group, but don't let their numbers deceive you. The eleven girls who comprise this team are competitive, fast, and constantly improving.

The Royals recently won the Newark Academy Invitational for the fifth year in a row and placed fourth in their Division at the Shore Coaches Invitational Meet. The runners are also optimistic about defending the Mountain/Valley Conference title OKS claimed a year ago, and they're looking forward to the upcoming MVC Meet, as well as the ensuing Union County Championships.

These athletes can be seen training on the streets of Summit or racing at home dual-meets, which are held at Briant Park.

This year's team is a mix of veterans and newcomers, and the Royals' top-five runners range from freshmen to seniors. Two girls attracting attention to the program are junior Kelly Polisin and senior Aly Carter, who both switched to cross-country from the soccer team this year.

Polisin, who served as the starting goalie both as a freshman and sophomore seasons, had difficulty deciding between the two sports. In the end, however, her passion and talent for running won out.

"I switched not because I don't like soccer anymore, but I love to run as well, and that's the sport I'm planning on doing in college," Kelly explained.

Likewise a basketball and spring track athlete (whose outstanding 2004 season as a distance runner surely factored into her decision), Polisin has already gone under 20 minutes - a 19:25 clocking to be precise - in a 5K cross-country race. Last Saturday, Kelly ran Holmdel's championship course in 20:49, an excellent time considering she just came off a knee injury.

Carter, a midfielder on the soccer team, also had a tough choice to make.

"I switched because I wanted to be in really good shape for lacrosse next spring, and also to help my conditioning for winter track," said Aly, who's attracting Division I recruiting attention for lacrosse.

Carter ran a 19:55 at Newark Academy in her first-ever cross-country race, a remarkable debut that earned her a second-place finish. Aly and Kelly are the top runners on the team, and they push the other girls to work hard.

"Their excellence as runners and competitors brings up the level of the entire team," reported Head Coach Linda Flanagan. "They're not just good runners - they are great athletes with enthusiasm and dedication."

Polisin and Carter have placed first and second in four out of the five races they've run together, alternating between the top spot.

"Aly is a great training partner, and we're always pushing each other to improve," Kelly said.

Carter also serves as a team captain, and she's happy about the dynamics of the group.

"We've come together as a team really well for a sport that on the surface seems so individual," Aly related. "Everyone makes a great contribution."

Coach Flanagan is also very impressed with the depth and talent of the entire team.

"Our top six runners are solid and always improving, and we have some promising new talent," she said.

The newcomers are freshmen Christina Abruzzo and Katie McCafferty, along with first-time-out sophomores Charlotte Lebeaut and Kathy Meek.

The squad is rounded out with returning sophomore Caroline Patten and returning juniors Alice Ford and Alison O'Neal.

The Oak Knoll harriers are also led by two senior veterans, Katie McIlroy and Brittany Bristow. Coach Flanagan calls Katie "a critical member of the team who is always in the top five." Brittany, a quality sprinter during the winter and spring track seasons, "devotes herself completely to the team, and is a great competitor," Coach Flanagan says.

Carter, Polisin, Patten, and McIlroy have been the first four OKS runners every meet so far, while either Ford or McCafferty has claimed the fifth spot. The team's dual-meet record stands at 3-1, with wins over Bound Brook, Union Catholic, and Dayton. Oak Knoll suffered a close (three-point) loss to Lawrenceville.

The Shore Coaches Invitational offers an indication the Royals can successfully contend in championship competition. Thus these athletes are more enthused than ever about the upcoming Conference, County, and State Meets.

Editor's note: We welcome aboard a new 'Royal Report' columnist in Darcy, a senior at Oak Knoll School in Summit. Our readers can look forward to Darcy's coverage of the OKS sports scene throughout this 2004/05 term. - A.P.

New coach, same star for lady netsters

SUMMIT - Under new leadership, the Summit High School girls tennis team is off to a great start this fall, and there are high hopes for the remainder of the season. Guided by veteran Coach Paul Chaput - a newcomer to Summit but a man who coached this sport at Chatham the past two decades - the Lady Hilltoppers are looking extremely capable of improving on last year's 11-8 record. Already, Summit has logged big wins over West Essex, Parsippany Hills, and Morris Hills.

Also contributing to the leadership this year are captains Emily Moore, Megan Van Syckle, and Ana Mungo. All three are determined to do whatever it takes to prevail this autumn.

In fact, these athletes began their preseason earlier than had ever been the case before, hoping that the extra conditioning and court time would improve their game. The extended preseason also helped bring them together as a unit, too, according to co-captain Van Syckle.

"Our team is closer than we were in past years," Megan enthused. "The nine of us have really bonded, and I can say that the preseason played a real role in our connection."

Tennis being a fall sport in which the campaign is contested at an accelerated pace (to avoid potential weather problems in November), the girls continually strive to get better with every match.

At first singles is sophomore Mungo, who reached the semifinals of the NJSSAA Individual Tournament a year ago and is generally acknowledged to be the New Jersey's second-best high school player right now. Ana won her second Union County title this past week, and her game continues to expand.

Moore operates in the second singles position, while Van Syckle plays third singles. Pairing at first doubles are Jessica Fernandez and Lauren Leleiko, while the second doubles duo consists of Laine Adams and Laura Kwitnicki. Janice Bartholomew and Alexandra Previdi see varsity action as alternates.

Summit seems to be improving as the season progresses. Along with possessing an undefeated number-one player in Mungo, the Hilltoppers have received strong performances from Moore and Van Syckle at the other two singles posts. The first doubles tandem has also garnered its share of victories.

Yet Mungo is obviously the focus when you read about Summit tennis these days. With Ana still not even halfway through her high school career, the program's future is certainly exciting. Her determination and skills are reflected not only in performance, but also by the fact Mungo is co-captaining the Hilltoppers as a 10th-grader.

The girls were looking forward to a couple featured encounters on their upcoming schedule, including a rematch with Iron Hills Conference rival West Essex (scheduled for yesterday at the SHS courts) and a match against area rival Governor Livingston at home this coming Wednesday.

"Beating West Essex (at Westex in mid-September) was huge and helped boost the morale on our team," explained Van Syckle. "We're hoping to do it again. And GL knocked us out of the State Tournament last year, when a lot of people considered us the favorite to win the Section. So we're looking for some revenge there."

These tennis athletes seem determined and motivated to keep winning. Their close bond and superb chemistry are helping them excel. With the leadership being provided by Coach Chaput, along with the team's three captains, the Hilltoppers are sure to be successful.

Editor's note: A junior at Summit High School, Scott takes over as our 'Hill Topics' columnist for this 2004/05 term. We're pleased to have him as a member of our 'Students on Sports' staff and look forward to reading Scott's coverage of the SHS athletic scene. - A.P.

Royal Report

By DARCYN
NEWELL

DON'T BE A BULLY - Summit Tae Kwon Do School staff and New Providence DARE officers join forces at the Sept. 26 New Providence Street Fair, with an anti-violence and anti-drug theme. From left are, Summit Tae Kwon Do School Instructor Chang Chun; New Providence DARE Officer Dennis Carovillano, Master Gi Kwon, young Joseph Yoo, Head Master Pyung Yoo, and DARE Officers Dan Henn and Theresa Gazaway.

Tae Kwon Do School supports DARE

SUMMIT - On Sunday, Sept. 26, Summit Tae Kwon Do School Head Master Pyung Yoo and his staff attended both the Union County DARE Day at Tadlock Park in Summit and the New Providence

Street Fair. The school provided mini-Tae Kwon Do lessons at each event, with the theme, "Don't Be a Bully." Donations for these lessons benefited Union County DARE programs.

In September, Master Yoo celebrated the second anniversary in his Summit location by participating in these community days. He supports DARE programs because their anti-violence and anti-drug themes are

ones that he also promotes in his school.

For information, call Summit Tae Kwon Do School at 908-277-6260.

Beefsteak dinner to benefit Devils youth programs

SUMMIT - The 2004 Ed Lynch Memorial Beefsteak Dinner benefiting the New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey Club and its many programs for able-bodied and disabled youngsters throughout North Jersey will take place from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15, at the Summit Elks Club, 40 Maple St.

The fifth annual event, named in honor of late Ed Lynch, the club's long-time president, features an evening of food and fun for both youngsters and adults. The festivities will include dinner, a silent auction with great prizes to bid on, a 50/50 raffle

and a special tricky tray.

Tickets, priced at \$30 for adults and \$15 per child, include dinner, non-alcoholic beverages (a cash bar is available), dessert, coffee and admission to the silent auction and tricky tray. For information, call the NJDYHC at 973-731-7177.

The New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey Club is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to teaching youth hockey and good sportsmanship, and providing playing opportunities for boys and girls of all ages and abilities. The club is a successful and respected youth hockey organization. Throughout its 25 year

history, its teams have won numerous international, national and regional championships.

The NJ Devils Youth Hockey Club is headquartered at South Mountain Arena in West Orange and serves players from Essex, Union, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson and several other North Jersey counties. The club provides on ice opportunities for players with learning or developmental disabilities and mobility impairments through its Daredevils and sled hockey programs. Learn more about the NJDYHC on line at www.njdyhc.com.

Soccer Club hits the net

NEW PROVIDENCE -

The New Providence Soccer Club has created a new web site in order to make the information flow to and from the club more efficient. Details on teams, schedules, directions to fields and on-line sign-ups and reporting are part of the new site.

The web address is www.upsoccerclub.org.

"It is still a work in progress," says Mike Lorditch, webmaster and board member, "but we hope to make life easier for parents, coaches and children alike." Links from the site will make score reporting faster and easier for team managers.

The New Providence Soccer Club was founded in 1971 and currently has 600 children playing at Mid New Jersey, Inter-County and Micro Leagues in town, kindergarten through grade two levels. It relies on volunteer coaches, managers and board members who give of their time and energy.

Fax your
press releases
to 908-464-9085

Hill Topics

By SCOTT
O'SULLIVAN

AREA MORTGAGE RATES

Program	Rate	pts	Gen	lip	APR	Program	Rate	pts	Gen	lip	APR	Program	Rate	pts	Gen	lip	APR
Aapex Mortgage 800-344-2739						Lighthouse Mortgage 800-784-1331						Partners Mortgage 888-rate-sale					
30-yr. Fixed	5.125	1.50	5	30	5.339	30-yr. Fixed	5.275	0.00	5	30	5.492	30-yr. Fixed	5.125	1.00	5	60	5.170
15-yr. Fixed	4.500	1.38	5	30	5.421	15-yr. Fixed	4.875	0.00	5	30	5.493	15-yr. Fixed	4.500	1.00	5	60	4.500
1-yr. ARM	3.250	1.00	5	30	3.294	10-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	10	30	5.838	10-yr. Jumbo	5.375	1.00	5	60	5.375
30-yr. Jumbo	5.250	1.88	5	30	5.454	20-yr. Fixed	5.250	0.00	5	30	5.338	"0" pts, "0" Fees Loans, Free Refinance Forever.					
A Custom Mortg. 800-259-9510						Loan Search 800-591-3279						Penn Federal Svcs. Bk 908-719-2468					
30-yr. Fixed	5.000	2.00	5	30	5.190	30-yr. Fixed	5.625	0.00	5	90	5.670	30-yr. Fixed	5.625	0.00	5	60	5.680
30-yr. Fixed	5.250	1.00	5	30	5.390	20-yr. Fixed	5.375	0.00	5	90	5.430	30-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	10	60	5.770
15-yr. Fixed	4.375	2.00	5	30	4.530	15-yr. Fixed	4.900	0.00	5	75	4.940	30-bldky jbo	5.500	0.00	10	60	5.510
MTA ARM	1.250	0.00	5	30	3.900	10/1 arm flo.	5.125	0.00	10	90	5.106	Lowest fixed rate Jumbo migs. Long term rates locks avail.					
ABM 800-924-9091						Main Line Tavistock Mtg. 856-428-1100						Price Financial Svcs. 800-401-9091					
30-yr. Fixed	5.375	0.00	5	60	5.390	30-yr. Fixed	5.375	0.00	30	30	5.410	30-yr. Fixed	5.500	0.00	5	30	5.530
15-yr. Fixed	4.875	0.00	5	60	4.890	20-yr. Fixed	5.250	0.00	30	30	5.320	15-yr. Fixed	4.875	0.00	5	30	4.900
30-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	5	60	5.790	15-yr. Fixed	4.750	0.00	30	30	4.810	10-yr. Jumbo	5.875	0.00	10	30	5.900
5/1 Jbo. ARM	4.375	0.00	5	60	4.230	10-yr. Fixed	4.625	0.00	30	30	4.690	1-yr. ARM	1.250	0.00	10	30	1.740
American Mtg. Concepts 866-490-8590						Main Line Tavistock Mtg. 856-428-1100						Summit Federal Svcs. 732-968-0665					
30-yr. Fixed	5.250	2.00	5	30	5.530	30-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	30	30	5.800	30-yr. Fixed	6.000	0.00	20	75	6.046
30-yr. Fixed	5.625	0.00	5	30	5.740	15-yr. Fixed	5.125	0.00	30	30	5.190	15-yr. Fixed	5.000	0.00	20	75	5.062
15-yr. Fixed	4.500	2.00	5	30	4.780	5/1 Jumbo	4.375	0.00	30	30	4.400	10-yr. Fixed	4.750	0.00	20	75	4.835
MTA ARM	1.000	0.00	5	30	3.900	3/1 Jumbo	4.250	0.00	30	30	4.290	1-yr. ARM	3.000	2.00	20	75	4.462
Investors Savings Bank 800-252-8119						New Millennium Bank 732-729-1100						Lenders wishing to participate call 800-939-NFNS					
30-yr. Fixed	5.750	0.00	5	30	5.751	30-yr. Fixed	5.750	0.00	5	30	5.753						
30-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	20	30	5.751	15-yr. Fixed	5.250	0.00	5	30	5.253						
15-yr. Fixed	5.125	0.00	5	30	5.126	10-yr. Fixed	5.000	0.00	5	30	5.375						
1-yr. ARM	4.625	0.00	5	30	4.626	5/1 ARM	6.000	0.00	5	30	6.040						

Information provided by NFNS. Rates are valid as of October 1, 2004. Contact lenders directly for additional fees and services. Confirming quotes based on \$120,000 loan with 20% down with no PMI; Jumbo quotes based on \$350,000 all applicable loan fees included. Loan amounts may affect rates. Lock-in period in days. Check rates daily on the internet at www.nfns.com. © 2005 NFNS. Lenders wishing to Participate please call 800-939-NFNS.